Homegoing Celebration

For

Pastor Thomas Lincoln Rigmaiden, Sr.

Born: April 21, 1939
Departed This Life: August 2, 1993
San Francisco, California

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. *II Timothy4:7-8*

Service
Monday, August 9, 1993 11:00 A.M.

Prayer Garden
Church of God in Christ
651 North Sixth Street
San Jose, California 95112
Eld. Paul D. Bates, Pastor

Officiating: *Bishop Lafar B. Johnson*

Obituary

Elder Thomas Lincoln Rigmaiden, Sr., was born April 21, 1939, in Lake Charles, Louisiana to the late Richard Rigmaiden, Sr. and Ovie Estelle Poole Rigmaiden. The family moved to Alvarado, California where ***Thomas*** attended elementary school and graduated from Washington High School in Fremont, California. He attended college in San Jose, California.

Elder Rigmaiden met and married Shirley La Rue Odelle Blackwell on June 28, 1959, to this union were born three children; Synthia Lynn Rigmaiden-Cole of Milpitas, California, Rhodes Randall Rigmaiden of San Jose, California and Thomas Lincoln Rigmaiden Jr., who proceeded him in death.

After the Lord saved ***Elder Rigmaiden*** and filled him with the Holy Ghost, he accepted the call where he served as assistant pastor under the leadership of his brother Elder Richard Rigmaiden, Jr., for many years at Consecration Church of God in Christ in Menlo Park, California.

As the Lord lead him he started a work in San Jose, California where he founded the Rigmaiden Memorial Temple Church of God In Christ, so named after his Mother and Father who were pioneers in the Church of God In Christ. He lead an outstanding outreach ministry; feeding, clothing and sharing the goodness of the Lord with the street and homeless people. He also ministered through a radio broadcast for six years on KEST Radio to those in need of prayer and consolation.

He also served faithfully in the Peninsula District as District Sunday School Superintendent and Assistant District Superintendent to the late Supt. Virgil Robinson. ***Elder Rigmaiden*** served under the leadership of Bishop W. W. Hamilton in the California N.W. Jurisdiction. In 1988 being lead of the Lord, he united with the California North East Jurisdiction under the leadership of the honorable Bishop L.B. Johnson.

Elder Rigmaiden was a journeyman cabinet maker, a talent he shared with many. His love for his family was un-measurable; he was a most dedicated and concerned husband, father, grandfather brother and real friend. As a faithful servant of God he was a true example of the love of God. He never met a stranger, for he loved all people.

Elder Rigmaiden departed this life; Monday, August 2, 1993 in San Francisco, California. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife Shirley Rigmaiden of Milpitas, California, one daughter; Synthia Lynn Rigmaiden-Cole of Milpitas, California, one son: Rhodes Randall Rigmaiden of San Jose, California. He also leaves four granddaughters; Raquel and Whitney Cole of Milpitas, California, Te'Ana Rigmaiden of Sunnyvale, California, and Jazmine Rigmaiden of San Jose, California, three sisters; Golden Barnes of Keatchie, Louisiana, Selina Lee and Mary Marizette of Hayward, California, four brothers; Charles Rigmaiden of Modesto, California, Antoine and Richard Rigmaiden of Valley Springs, California, and William Rigmaiden of Hayward, California, several godchildren, many nephews, nieces and friends.

Order of Service

John M. Evans, M.C.
Administrative Assistant

Scripture-*Old Testament (Psalms 100)* ..... *Eld. L. Lowery*
Scripture - *New Testament (I Cor 15:51-58)* ..... *Eld. W. Thompson*

Invocation ..... *Pastor P. D. Bates*

Selection ..... *Choir*

Representatives .....(*Special Remarks)* ..... *Eld G. Tillis*
Former Assistant Pastor, Rigmaiden Memorial C.O.G.I.C.
Supt. E. Huddleton, Old Path District
Dist. Missionary E. Thompson, Old Path District
Mother V. Turner, Assistant Supervisor, Women's Department
Mother E. Price, State Supervisor, Women's Department

Solo ..... *"The Potter"* ..... *Mother F. Willis*

Representing: Pastors of the Jurisdiction..... *Eld. G. Simpson*
Representing: The Executive Board..... *Supt. J. Slaughter*
Representing: Superintendents..... *Supt. E.L. "Billy" Jones*

Selection ..... *Choir*

Resolutions ..... *Sis. L. Blackwell, Rigmaiden Memorial*
Eld. W. Thompson, Old Path District
Supt. M. Lee, California N.E. Jurisdiction

Condolences & Obituary ..... *Miss'y P. Baker*

Presentation of Bishop ..... *Eld. W.L. Easter, Administrative Assistant*

Introduction of Guest Pastors & Bishops..... *Bishop L.B. Johnson*

Sermonic Solo..... *Sis. M. Riley*

Eulogy ..... *Bishop L.B. Johnson*
California North East Jurisdiction

Internment

Cedar Lawn Memorial Park
48800 Warm Springs Blvd.
Fremont, California

Family Dinner: Friendship Church of God In Christ
1654 E. San Antonio, San Jose, California

Active Pallbearers

Martin Rigmaiden
Charles Mallory
Deacon Thomas Burnett
Elder Charles Morris
Deacon Wilford Harris
Elder Henry Biddle

Alternate Pallbearers

Greggory Goodwin
Soney Posey
Shaheed Ghazali

Honorary Pallbearers

Pastors of Jurisdiction

Thank You

*The family of **Elder Thomas Lincoln Rigmaiden** wishes to thank each and every one of you for the **love** and kindness shown during our loss; and we are especially thankful for your prayers.*

The Family